

## Testimony

To: The Rhode Island Public Utility Commission  
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I am submitting testimony in favor of eliminating the use of pylons to suspend power lines from Providence to East Providence at their current location at India Point Park and Bold Point Park. I believe these pylons should be removed for three reasons.

1. Most immediately, they spoil the beauty of India Point Park. They put an intrusively industrial structure into the middle of an environment that is otherwise a park. Removing them would increase the beauty of the park tremendously.
2. In the longer term, plans to construct a continuous walking path along the Providence shoreline will link India Point park with a chain of other parks, increasing its use as a recreational walkway. Increased use is a good reason for enhancing the environment of India Point Park by removing the pylons.
3. In the even longer term, sea level rise will necessitate the removal of the pylons and the restructuring of the Providence shoreline. Removing the pylons now solves one of the problems posed by sea level rise now, while the park is still above water.